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FM AMEMBASSY BONN

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 4834

INFO AMEMBASSY NAIROBI

AMEMBASSY DAR ES SALAAM

AMEMBASSY MOGADISCIO

AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA

AMEMBASSY KIGALI

AMEMBASSY BUJUMBURA

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PFOR, US

SUBJECT: SUBSTANTIVE REPORTING ON UGANDA: UGANDAN  
REACTION TO PRESIDENT FORD'S ASSUMPTION OF OFFICE

1. IN COMMENTING ON CONGRATULATORY TELEGRAM SENT BY  
AMIN TO PRESIDENT FORD, FRG EMBASSY KAMPALA NOTES  
THAT, WHILE THE CABLE IS NOT WITHOUT CRITICISM OF US  
POSITIONS IN THE NEAR EAST, VIETNAM, AFRICA, IT  
NEVERTHELESS REVEALS THAT AMIN (AS HAS BEEN RECOGNIZED  
FOR SOME TIME) IS MAKING AN EFFORT TO AVOID THE  
EARLIER HARSHNESS OF TONE AND TO MAKE A BEGINNING  
TOWARD IMPROVEMENT OF RELATIONS. IN THIS CONNECTION,  
THE REMARK THAT A NUMBER OF AFRICAN AND ARAB  
STATES ONLY DEPEND ON EAST BLOC COUNTRIES BECAUSE  
THEY DO NOT RECEIVE MILITARY ASSISTANCE FROM THE US  
IS PARTICULARLY NOTEWORTHY. BEYOND THIS, AMIN'S  
CABLE EXPRESSLY REGRETS THE DETERIORATION IN BILATERAL  
RELATIONS AND STATES HIS READINESS TO RESUME "FULL  
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AND ACTIVE COOPERATION." A GESTURE OF GOODWIL FROM

THE AMERICAN SIDE COULD CONTRIBUTE TO AN IMPROVEMENT  
OF MUTUAL RELATIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH "WORLD PEACE  
AND HARMONY."

2. FRG EMBASSY COMMENTS THAT IT REGARDS THIS LAST  
STATEMENT AS A PROPOSAL FOR THE RE-OPENING OF THE  
US EMBASSY WHICH WAS CLOSED IN NOVEMBER 1973. FRG  
EMBASSY FURTHER COMMENTS THAT AMIN'S PROPOSAL TO  
RESUME NORMAL RELATIONS SHOULD BE TAKEN SERIOUSLY  
BECAUSE IT ACCORDS WITH HIS DESIRE TO ACCOMMODATE  
HIMSELF TO STRENGTHENING AMERICAN PRESENCE IN THE  
NEAR EAST AND TO FOLLOW THE READINESS OF MOST ARAB  
STATES IN SEEKING A STRONGER OPENING TOWARD THE WEST.  
AMIN, IN THE VIEW OF THE FRG EMBASSY WISHES TO AVOID  
ANY FURTHER ISOLATION RESULTING FROM SUPPORT FOR  
EXTREME POSITIONS WHICH ARE NOT EVEN SHARED BY THE  
SOVIET UNION.

3 ASSUME THAT DEPARTMENT HAS TEXT OF AMIN'S  
TELEGRAM.  
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